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Child Safety Seats

*Coupe*TM Infant Car Seat Instruction Manual (Select Models)



Rear-facing infant car seat and base system for children 4-35 lbs. (2-16 kg.)

Approved in accordance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 213.

This handheld infant carrier is JPMA certified to the ASTM F2050 standard.

Only suitable for use in vehicles with 2-point (lap), 3-point (lap & shoulder) seat belts and latch anchorages (base only).

El manual de instrucciones Coupe está disponible en español en www.recaro.com. Por favor visite el internet para bajar una versión en español.



Please read instructions prior to installation. Store this manual on the side of the infant carrier.



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the RECARO family of high quality child safety products and thank you for purchasing your new RECARO Child Restraint System.

RECARO has over 100 years experience in the design and manufacture of premium automotive products. To assure all products RECARO manufactures are worthy of the name, we've subjected them to a comprehensive development program complying with American FMVSS 213 safety standards.

Although each RECARO child restraint system is equipped with state-of-the-art safety features such as Side Impact Protection (SIP), it is not a guarantee that this child restraint will prevent injury or death. However, if you stress careful driving and proper use of your child restraint, it can lower the risk of injury or death.

Therefore, please make sure to carefully review all information in this instruction manual to properly restrain your child. Also, before using your new child restraint for the first time, please review all components carefully to make sure nothing has been damaged during shipping. Failure to follow these instructions and the labels on the seat can result in serious injury or even death.

The RECARO child seat you have purchased is a high quality product. Its different settings and its stable and ergonomic design ensure that the RECARO child seat is a safe and comfortable place for your child to sit when traveling in your car. However, before you use it, you need to adjust it to your child's size and then install it carefully so that the seat will perform as required. These instructions will help you do this, so please read them carefully.

Remember, parents are a child's best examples. Be sure to ALWAYS buckle your seat belt and your children will be much more likely to do the same. Thank you again for choosing RECARO and enjoy your infant seat. If you have any questions or need assistance of any kind please contact us at:

RECARO Child Safety, LLC
1600 Harmon Road
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Tel: 1-888-9RECARO
Internet: www.recaro.com
E-mail: info-usa@recaro-cs.com

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Yours sincerely,

The RECARO Child Safety Team

Section 1: Safety Warnings

****Read and understand all warnings and instructions**

WARNING! DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur

- Do **NOT** place a child restraint in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger air bag. The back seat is the safest place for children under 12 years of age.
- According to accident statistics, children are safer when properly restrained in the rear seating positions than in the front seating positions.
- Use only with children who weigh between **4 and 35 pounds (2 and 16 kg)** and whose height is **32 inches (81 cm)** or less. Do **NOT** use for a child who weighs more than **35 pounds (16 kg)**.
- Discontinue use of your infant restraint **six (6) years** after the manufactured date or if it has been in a severe crash to prevent injury due to deterioration or hidden damage. See **“manufactured in”** date located on a sticker on the bottom of the infant restraint.
- Secure this child restraint with the vehicle's child restraint LATCH anchorage system if available or with a vehicle belt.
- Snugly adjust the belts provided with the infant restraint around your child.
- A snug strap should **NOT** allow any slack. It lies in a relatively straight line without sagging. It does **NOT** press on the child's flesh or push the child's body into an unnatural position.

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- Do **NOT** use this child restraint system until you have read and understood the instructions in this manual and in your vehicle owner's manual. Do **NOT** let others install or use this child restraint system unless they understand how to use it. Keep instructions for future use.
- The newborn infant insert should be used for infants whose weight is between 4 and 12 lbs.
- Do **NOT** make any technical modification to the child restraint system and use it only as outlined in these instructions. Otherwise, the safety function of the seat will be reduced or completely voided.
- Before each use, inspect the child restraint. Make sure nothing on the child restraint is damaged, loose or broken. If anything on the child restraint appears damaged, loose or broken, do **NOT** use the restraint.
- Failure to follow warnings provided on the child restraint labels and stickers could cause serious injury or death.
- The child restraint should be securely belted to the vehicle, even when it is not occupied, since in a crash an unsecured child restraint system may injure other occupants.
- Placing your child in a hot child restraint may result in burns.
- Do **NOT** add accessories, toys, padding or other items to the child restraint unless provided by RECARO.

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- This child restraint must **NOT** be used in any non-certified applications.
- If the child restraint has been in a crash or vehicle accident, it must be replaced; do **NOT** use the child restraint again. A crash can cause unseen damage and using the child restraint again can cause serious injury or death.
- **NEVER** leave a child unattended even when sleeping.
- **NEVER** allow a child to play with the child restraint; it is **NOT** a toy.
- Do **NOT** lubricate buckles, fasteners or any part of the child restraint.
- **NEVER** use a used child seat unless you know its complete history.
- There is no guarantee that the child restraint will prevent injury or death in a particular crash. However, if you stress careful driving and proper use of the child restraint, it can lower the risk of injury or death in most crashes.
- **NEVER** take child out while vehicle is moving.

Warnings for Use Outside of Vehicle

- **NEVER** leave child unattended. The seat may tip over from sudden movements, kicking or grabbing surroundings.
- **Suffocation Hazard:** Infant carrier can roll over on soft surfaces and suffocate the child. **NEVER** place carrier on beds, sofas, or other soft surfaces.

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- **Strangulation Hazard:** Children have **STRANGLED** in loose or partially buckled harness straps. Fully restrain the child even when carrier is used outside the vehicle.
- **Fall Hazard:** **NEVER** leave on table, counters, or other elevated surfaces. The seat can get knocked off by the child's movements.
- Always use the complete harness system.
- **NEVER** place in shopping cart.
- Make sure handle is **LOCKED** in 'Carry Position' before lifting. Otherwise the handle can move unexpectedly, causing the child to fall.

Warnings for Use with Strollers

- Use only with strollers that are part of a RECARO travel system.
- Do not let a child play with the restraint.
- Do not make repairs to modify or tamper with child restraint.
- Do not use a child restraint whose history you don't know.
- Do not allow a child to play with seat belts. **Entanglement Hazard:** The belts may wrap around their necks.
- Do not leave loose objects (toys, groceries) in the seat.

Section 2: General Information

Locking Clip

Following Section 9: Installing the Base in Your Vehicle and Section 10: Installing the Coupe without Base, pg. 24-37, Non-Locking ELR Lap-Shoulder Belt installation, you may find that you cannot install without a universal locking clip. Please call 1-888-9RECARO and RECARO will ship you a locking clip and instructions.

Extreme Weather

When it is **HOT**, RECARO recommends the following tips to reduce possible injury or discomfort to your child:

- Park your vehicle in the shade to help keep the restraint cooler.
- Cover the child restraint with a sheet or blanket when not in use.
- **ALWAYS** check surface temperatures of the child restraint before placing a child in it.

When it is **COLD**, RECARO recommends the following tips to reduce possible injury or discomfort to your child:

- Remove the child's bulky clothing before restraining the child. This will help belts and other safety features function properly.
- After restraining the child in the seat, cover the child and the restraint system with a blanket or their jacket to maintain warmth and comfort of the child.
- When cold outside, take the infant seat inside to keep warm.

NEVER, EVER leave your child unattended in your vehicle, no matter how long or even if the windows are left open. NHTSA studies show that heat stroke is the leading cause of non-crash vehicle deaths for children.

Section 3: Register Your New Coupe

Child restraints could be recalled for safety reasons. You must register this restraint to be reached in a recall.

Send your name, address, email address if available, and the restraint's model number, serial number and manufacturing date to:



RECARO Child Safety, LLC
1600 Harmon Road
Auburn Hills, MI 48326



or call: 1-888-9RECARO



or register online at:
<http://www.registermyrecaro.com>

For recall information, call the U.S. Government's Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153) or go to <http://www.NHTSA.gov>.

ALL information provided to RECARO on the registration card or on the online registry will **NOT** be sold, distributed, or used for any purposes other than to contact you in the event of a recall.

Section 4: Getting to Know Your Coupe

This child restraint is known as a **Rear-Facing** infant car seat. It can be installed into the vehicle with or without the base.

NEVER use the Coupe child restraint system for a child who does not fit the recommended height, weight and age in this instruction manual.

The American Academy of Pediatrics and NHTSA recommend keeping children rear-facing up to age 2.

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Safety Stripe System™

Your infant restraint is equipped with the easy-to-use RECARO Safety Stripe System™. You will notice that your harness has a white stripe on the outside edges. This added safety feature will allow you to ensure that your harness is not twisted. The white stripe should always remain at the outside edge of the harness above the lower buckle. If it is not, please loosen your harness system and remove any twist prior to use.

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The Coupe is **NOT** appropriate for all children. You must confirm the child meets **ALL** of the height, weight and other fit requirements for the Coupe. Please measure and weigh the child to verify the Coupe is the correct seat for them.

NOTE: If the child does **NOT** meet **ANY** one of the height, weight or other fit requirements for this infant restraint, the child **CANNOT** use it. If that is the case, please see the other fine child restraint systems that are offered by RECARO.

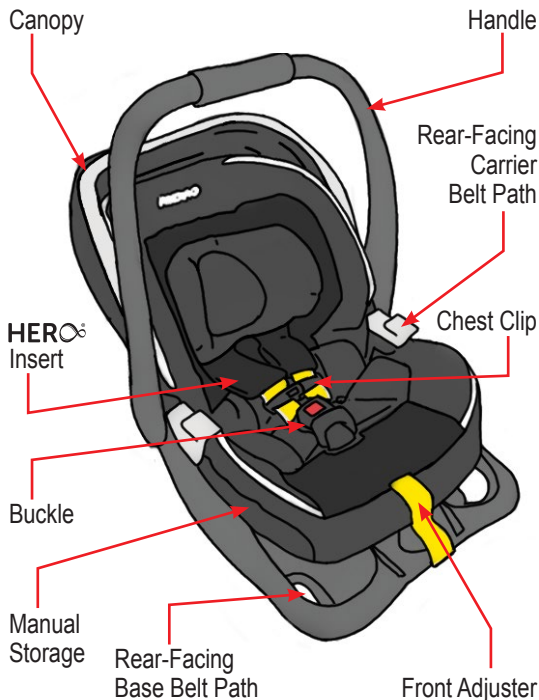
A child **CAN** use the Coupe **ONLY** if:



- The child's weight is between **4 and 35 pounds (2 and 16 kg)** and,
- The harness **CAN** be positioned **AT** or **BELOW** the child's shoulders, when the child is seated in the Coupe and,
- The child's height is **LESS** than **32 inches (81 cm)** and
- When sitting in the Coupe, the top of the child's head is **NOT** closer than **1 inch (2.5 cm)** from the top edge of the Coupe seat back.

Coupe Features:

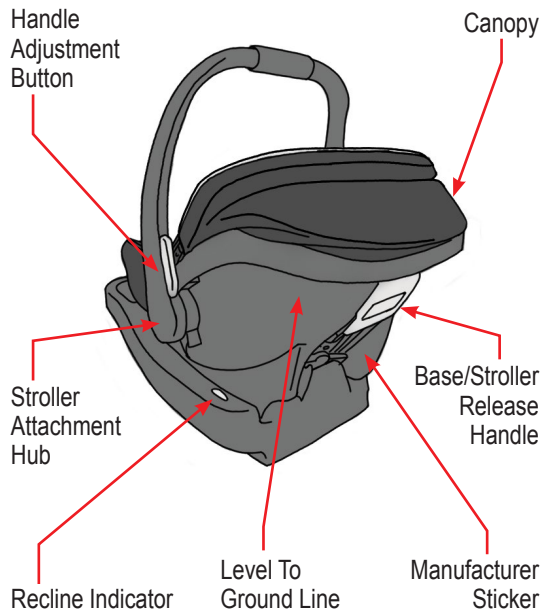
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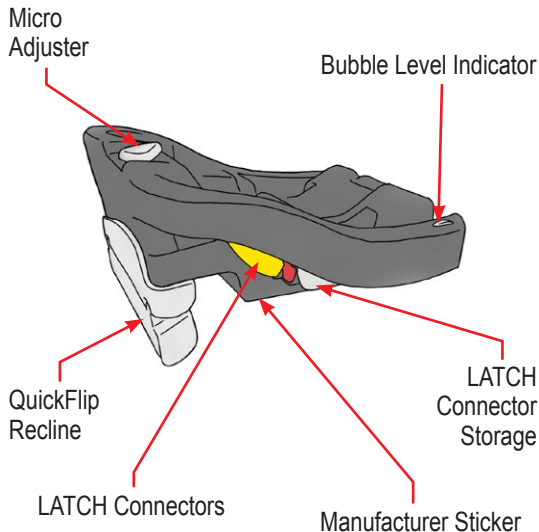
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Handle Positions:

The infant carrier handle must be adjusted in one of the four locked positions. To adjust, press and hold both handle release levers and rotate the handle to the desired position.



Carry Position



Storage Position



Resting Position



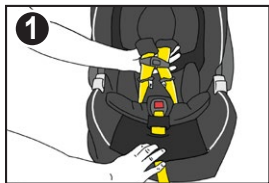
In Vehicle Position

Warning: Never hang toys or other objects from handle when using infant carrier in vehicle.

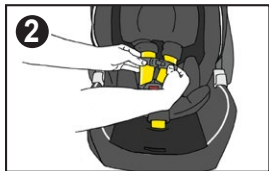
Warning: Be sure the handle is always LOCKED into one of the four positions.

Section 5: Securing the Child in the Coupe

NOTE: The infant carrier comes with a newborn insert and an infant head pillow. These are for children who weigh between 4 and 12 lbs. They may be removed once they become too snug for the child.



1. Loosen the harness system. Press the adjuster lever located at the front of the seat and pull the shoulder straps forward.



2. Open the chest clip by pressing the button in the middle of the chest clip



3. Open the buckle by pressing the red button. Place the harness straps to the side.



4. Seat the child in the infant restraint with his/her bottom fully back into the seat. Position the harness straps around the child and fasten both latch plates into the buckle.



5. Fasten the chest clip.



6. Pull up on each shoulder strap to tighten the lower section of the harness.



7. Tighten the harness by pulling adjuster strap straight out through the adjuster flap. The harness webbing should be snug around the child in both the lap and shoulder sections. Slide chest clip so it is at the child's armpit level.



8. The harness is tight enough when you cannot pinch a loop of webbing.

Check the harness height on the child's shoulders.

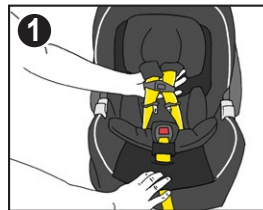


- The harness is positioned **AT** or **BELOW** the child's shoulders, when the child is seated in the Coupe.
- Adjust the harness for the child **BEFORE** driving.
- The child's height is **LESS** than **32 inches (81 cm)**.
- When sitting in the child restraint the top of the child's head is **NOT** closer than **1 inch (2.5 cm)** from the top edge of the seat back.

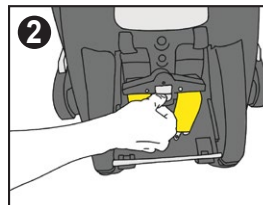
Section 6: Adjusting the Harness System to Fit Your Child

Place your child in the child restraint prior to installing in the vehicle and determine if the shoulder strap height needs to be adjusted.

- When using the infant restraint, the shoulder straps must be located **AT** or **BELOW** the child's shoulders.



1. Loosen the harness system. Press the adjuster lever located at the front of the seat and pull straps forward.



2. Press down on the harness system adjustment button on the back of the seat to raise or lower the shoulder straps to the next notch in the system.
3. Pull up on the harness system adjustment button to ensure the harness has locked into the position.
4. Pull shoulder straps to ensure the system is secure.

Section 7: Choosing a Seating Location in Your Vehicle

Forward-Facing vehicle seats must **ALWAYS** be used with this child restraint. If your vehicle does not have rear seats, consult your vehicle owner's manual to help identify safety features in your vehicle or contact the vehicle manufacturer.

Do **NOT** install this child restraint into any of the following types of seating positions:



- **NEVER** install the Coupe in a rear-facing vehicle seat.



- **NEVER** install the Coupe in the rear seat of small extended cab pickup.



- **NEVER** install the Coupe on a side-facing vehicle seat.

If the vehicle backrest angle is adjustable, adjust vehicle's backrest into the upright position. Be sure this area is flat and clear of objects that might get in the way of installing the child restraint.

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- Do **NOT** place rear-facing child seat on front seat with air bag.

The high pressure deployment of the airbag can cause serious injury or death to a child.

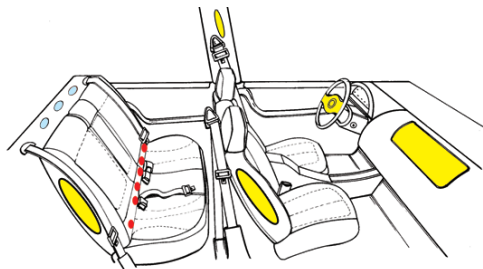
If your vehicle is equipped with front passenger side airbags, consult your vehicle owner's manual for installation instructions for child restraints.





RECARO and the U.S. Department of Transportation warn that children age 12 and under **MUST** ride in the rear seat away from front airbags.

Restraint systems should be securely belted to the vehicle, even when they are not occupied, since in a crash an unsecured child restraint system may injure other occupants or store it somewhere outside the passenger cabin so that it cannot injure anyone while the vehicle is in motion. RECARO recommends storing the child restraint in a cool and dry location.

Section 8: Learning About Your Vehicle Safety Systems

It is important to become familiar with the features of your vehicle so that your child rides as safely as possible. Read the vehicle owner's manual to learn about the safety features and adjustments available for safe travel. Below is a diagram that helps you to identify key features. Not all vehicles will have all features described here.

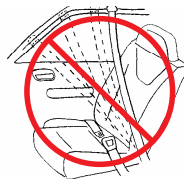


-  Airbags
-  Top Tether Anchorage
-  Lower Latch Anchorage
-  Seat Belts

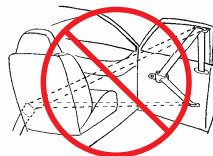
Some vehicles may have inflatable seat belts. As this is new technology, please refer to www.recaro.com for updates.

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Because the design and operation of vehicle belts vary, make sure to observe the following guidelines:



- Do **NOT** use motorized passive restraint shoulder belt systems.



- Do **NOT** use passive restraints lap or shoulder belt mounted on a door.
- Do **NOT** use vehicle lap and shoulder belt systems that have independent retractors for the lap and shoulder portion of the vehicle seat belt system.





NOTE: If you have a seat belt system described above, check your vehicle owner's manual for advice on where and how to install a child restraint. Your vehicle dealer may have a replacement lap belt that when installed will hold the Coupe tightly.

Vehicle Seat Belt Systems

IMPORTANT!

Check to be sure which type of seat belt system you have in the chart below. Some vehicles have more than one type of belt system depending on the seating position. The center rear position may have a lap only belt while the side seating locations may have a lap/shoulder system. If you are not sure which system you have, check your vehicle owner's manual or contact your vehicle dealer or manufacturer.

Types of Seat Belt Systems

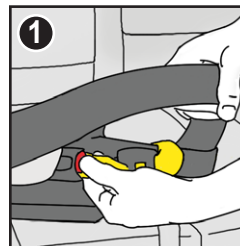
	LATCH	See page 24
	Locking Lap Shoulder Belt	See page 28
	Lap Belt	See page 31
	Non Locking ELR Lap Shoulder Belt	See page 37

Section 9: Installing the Base in Your Vehicle

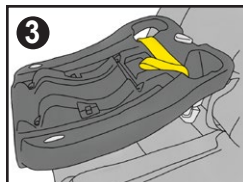
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LATCH Base Installation

If your vehicle has lower anchors, the LATCH connector system can be used. Check your vehicle owner's manual to determine if lower anchors are available and applicable vehicle seating positions. If lower anchors are not available the vehicle seat belt must be used.



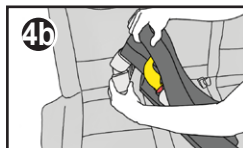
1. Remove the LATCH connectors from storage pockets located at the back of the base by pushing on the red release button.
2. Lengthen the LATCH strap by pressing the LATCH adjuster release button and pulling the webbing to full length.



3. Position the base on forward facing vehicle seat with the belt path against the back of the vehicle seat.

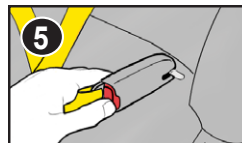


- 4a. Check the bubble level indicator. The majority of the bubble should be between the lines. If the bubble is close to being in the correct position, use the micro adjuster until it is positioned correctly.

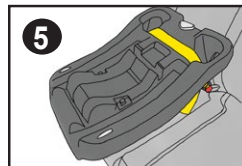


- 4b. If more adjustment is needed, fold out the QuickFlip Recline.

*Vehicle must be on level surface for the bubble indicator to be correct. If the vehicle is not on a level surface, reference the level to the ground line on the shell.

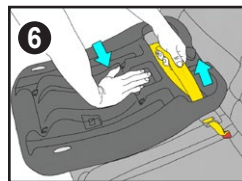


5. Make sure the arrows molded on the LATCH connectors are pointing in the correct direction.



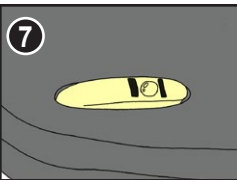
Attach the connectors to the anchors in the vehicle.

Pull the LATCH connectors to ensure they are secured.



6. While pressing the base into the seat, pull the loop on the LATCH strap to tighten.

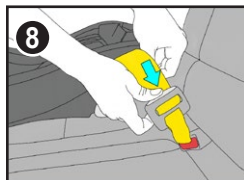
The base is secure when it cannot be moved more than **1 inch (2.5 cm)** in any direction at the belt path.



7. Check that the bubble level indicator is still in the correct position.

If not in the correct position, loosen the LATCH belt and adjust the micro adjuster knob and/or QuickFlip Recline until correct.

Once finished, tuck any excess web to the side of the base.



8. To remove LATCH connectors from the vehicle, first loosen the adjuster by pressing the adjuster button and lengthening the straps. Press the red buttons on the connectors and remove from the vehicle's lower anchors.

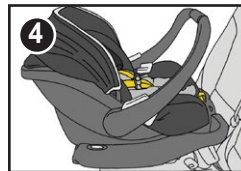
9. Replace the LATCH connectors into the storage slots when not in use.

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Installing Carrier into Base



1. Ensure the base is properly installed and there are no objects on top of the base.
2. Place the infant carrier into the base and press down until locked into place.



3. Pull up on the carrier to verify it is attached.
4. The handle must be in the locked rebound position while in the vehicle.

Removing Carrier from Base



1. Pull up on the release lever on the back of the seat and hold.
2. Lift the infant seat up and out of the base.

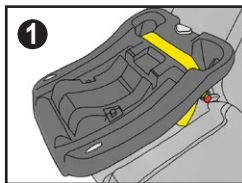
Locking Lap/Shoulder Belt Installation

Many vehicles have lap and shoulder belt systems which remain loose for adult use and can be locked for use with a child restraint. Check your vehicle owner's manual to determine which type of seat belt system is in each seating location. There may be a label located on the door side of the seat belt with instructions for use with a child restraint.

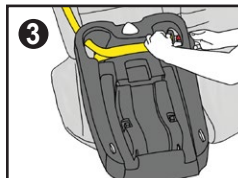


If your vehicle has a locking lap/shoulder belt, use Locking Lap/Shoulder Belt Installation instructions.

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1. Position the base on forward facing vehicle seat with the recline foot against the back of the seat.

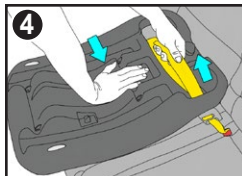


2. Check the bubble level indicator. The majority of the bubble should be between the lines. If the bubble is close to being in the correct position, use the micro adjuster until it is positioned correctly. If more adjustment is needed, fold out the QuickFlip Recline.

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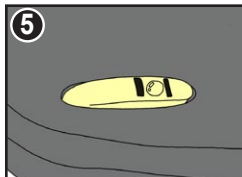
3. Fully extend the seat belt webbing and route the lap/shoulder belt through the openings in the base as shown. Make sure the belt is not twisted, then buckle the seat belt.

NOTE: The lap/shoulder belt is routed over the latch belt.



4. While pressing the base firmly into the seat, pull the seat belt to remove any slack.

Repeat as needed until the child restraint cannot be moved more than 1 inch (2.5 cm) in either direction at the belt path.



5. Check that the bubble level indicator is still in the correct position. If not in the correct position, loosen the lap belt and adjust the micro adjuster knob and/or QuickFlip Recline until correct.

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Installing Carrier into Base



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Removing Carrier from Base



1. Pull up on the release lever on the back of the seat and hold.
2. Lift the infant seat up and out of the base.

Lap Belt Installation

Many vehicles have lap only belt systems in the center rear seating positions. Most of these systems use a lap belt which can easily secure a child restraint. Check your vehicle owner's manual to determine which type of seat belt system is in each seating location. There may be a label located on the seat belt with instructions for use with a child restraint.

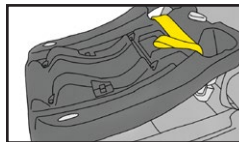


If your vehicle has a lap belt, use Lap Belt Installation instructions.

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1. Position the base on forward facing vehicle seat with the recline foot against the back of the seat.



2. Check the bubble level indicator. The majority of the bubble should be between the lines. If the bubble is close to being in the correct position, use the micro adjuster until it is positioned correctly. If more adjustment is needed, fold out the QuickFlip Recline.

*Vehicle must be on level surface for the bubble level indicator to be correct. If vehicle is not on level ground, use the level to ground line on the side of the shell.



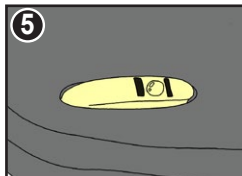
3. Route the lap belt through the openings in the base as shown. Make sure the belt is not twisted, then buckle the seat belt.

NOTE: The lap belt is routed over the latch belt.



4. While pressing base firmly into the seat, pull the end of the seat belt strap to tighten.

The base is secure when it cannot be moved more than **1 inch (2.5 cm)** in any direction at the belt path.



5. Check that bubble level indicator is still in correct position. If not in the correct position, loosen the lap belt and adjust the micro adjuster knob and/or QuickFlip Recline until correct.

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Installing Carrier into Base



1. Ensure the base is properly installed and there are no objects on top of the base.

2. Place the infant carrier into the base and press down until locked into place.



3. Pull up on the carrier to verify it is attached.
4. The handle must be in the locked rebound position while in the vehicle.

Removing Carrier from Base



1. Pull up on the release lever on the back of the seat and hold.
2. Lift the infant seat up and out of the base.

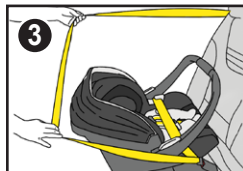
Section 10: Installing the Coupe without Base

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Locking Lap-Shoulder Belt Installation



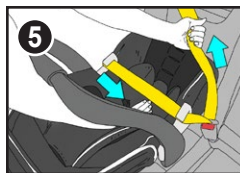
1. Position the infant carrier on forward facing vehicle seat so that the child is facing the rear of the vehicle.



2. Route only the lap belt through the rear-facing belt path and buckle the belt.
3. Pull the shoulder belt out completely and lift it over the handle and around the carrier.



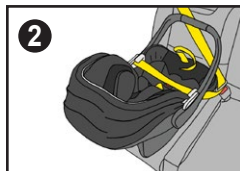
4. Lift the release lever and slide the shoulder belt into guides as shown. Release the lever.



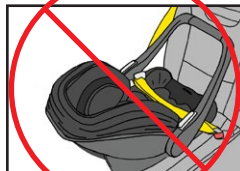
5. While firmly pushing the carrier into the seat at the crotch strap, remove slack from the shoulder belt.

The infant carrier is installed properly when the line on the side of the seat is level to the ground and when it cannot be moved more than 1 inch (2.5 cm) at the belt path.

Locking Lap Shoulder Belt Installation (Alternative)

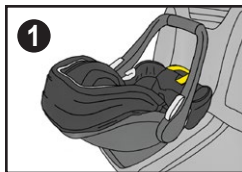


1. Position the infant carrier on forward facing vehicle seat so that the child is facing the rear of the vehicle.
2. Route the lap belt only through the rear-facing belt path and buckle the belt.

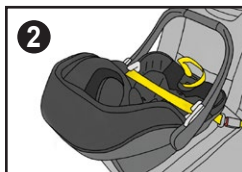


3. Pull the shoulder belt out fully. Remove slack while pressing firmly on the carrier at the crotch strap. Never install the infant carrier with the lap and shoulder belts routed underneath both belt guides.

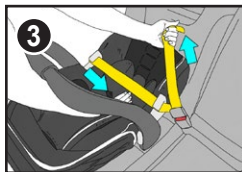
Lap Belt Installation



1. Position the infant carrier on forward facing vehicle seat so that the child is facing the rear of the vehicle.



2. Route the vehicle lap belt under both belt paths and buckle the belt.



3. While firmly pushing the infant carrier into the seat at the crotch strap, remove slack from the lap belt.

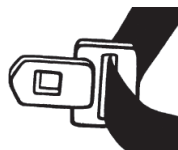
Carrier is secure when it cannot be moved more than

1 inch (2.5cm) at the belt path and the line on the side of the seat is level to the ground.

4. Tuck loose end of lap belt out of the way.

Non-Locking ELR Lap-Shoulder Belt Installation

Some older vehicles (typically pre-1996 model year) have lap-shoulder belt systems which remain loose and cannot be locked for use with a child restraint unless a separate locking clip is used. These systems use emergency locking retractors which lock only during a sudden stop or crash. Check your vehicle owner's manual to determine which type of seat belt system is in each seating location. There may be a label located on the door side of the seat belt with instructions for use with a child restraint.



If your vehicle has a non-locking lap-shoulder belt system, use Non-Locking ELR Lap-Shoulder Belt Installation instructions.

If you have this seat belt configuration you will require a locking clip. Please contact 1-888-9RECARO and RECARO will ship you a locking clip and instructions.

NOTE: Locking clip required.

Section 11: Certification

This child restraint conforms to all applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards.

Section 12: Use in Aircraft



The Coupe is certified for use in aircraft rear-facing The aircraft seat belt (which is not a LATCH system) must be used since lower anchors are not available on airplanes.

Most airlines will allow child restraint use if it is labeled as certified for use on aircraft. Check with the airline to confirm seating is available for use with a child restraint before booking flights. At the armrest height of the aircraft seat, the child restraint is **18 in (45.7 cm)** wide. Use this information when talking with the airline to ensure the child restraint will fit in the designated seating location.

Secure the Coupe rear-facing as shown on pages 36, "Lap Belt Installation."

Place the Coupe in the window seat to avoid blocking the aisle.

Section 13: Care and Maintenance

The Coupe has been engineered for long life and trouble-free usage. The fabric has been designed to resist stains and soiling. With proper care and maintenance, this premium fabric will retain its beauty for years to come.

To clean the trim cover "on the go", follow these easy steps:

- Remove excess soiling immediately.
- Blot area with dry cloth.
- To remove remaining stain, spray a light mist of soap solution and rub gently in a circular motion with a clean cloth or soft toothbrush so not to damage the fabric.
- Pat dry with cloth.
- When dry, use a soft brush to regain fabric's smooth feel.

To clean the trim cover at home, follow these steps:

- Remove the trim cover as explained in Section: "Trim Cover Removal/Reinstallation."
- **HAND WASH** using cold water and mild soap.
- Line dry to avoid shrinkage of the trim cover.
- Do **NOT** bleach, machine wash, or machine dry.



To clean the child restraint's plastic structure, follow these tips:

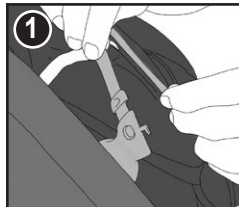
- Clean by hand with a sponge or soft cloth using warm water and mild soap.
- Dry the structure off thoroughly with a soft towel.

NOTE:

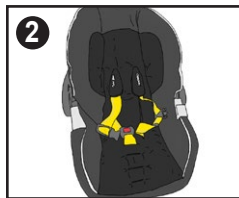
- *Heavily soiled areas can be spot-treated using non-solvent commercial cleaners. Use only water soluble cleaning agents.*
- **NEVER** use solutions that contain a petroleum or alcohol base. Where light creases occur, they may be removed by light steaming (an ordinary tea kettle will do). Brush the area with a soft brush.
- *Though RECARO tests many cleaning solutions, we cannot test them all—we suggest you ALWAYS test in a discrete area first to ensure that the cleaner does not damage the fabric.*

Section 14: Trim Cover Removal / Installation

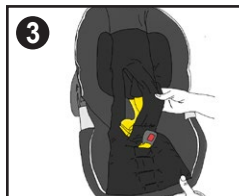
Trim Cover Removal



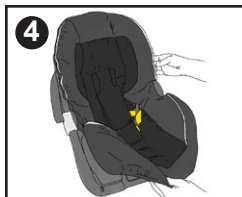
1. If necessary to access the back of the trim cover, remove canopy.



2. Unbuckle the harness and the chest clip. Remove the insert, the infant head pillow, and the buckle pad.



3. Remove the rest of the trim cover by first unfastening the velcro by the harness straps.



4. Slide the cover out from under the belt guides on each side.
5. Pull the cover off of the front of the seat and then from the top of the seat.

To remove HERO or harness:



7. Unhook the harness from the metal splitter bar underneath the seat.
8. Pull the shoulder harness straps through the HERO slots.



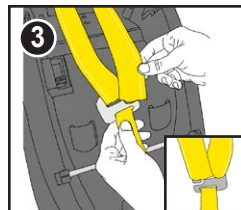
9. Pull the back panel cover by sliding off the top part and then the bottom part.

Trim Cover Installation



If the back panel cover was removed:

1. Slide the harness straps through the HERO pads. Slide the back panel into the top pocket of the cover. Pull the cover down and place bottom into the bottom pocket.



2. Thread shoulder harness straps through the slots in the cover and pull out through the back.



3. Reconnect straps to splitter bar.

NOTE: Be sure the straps go underneath the metal bars.

Section 15: Trouble Shooting

In certain vehicle applications, you may encounter challenges to safely install and position a child in the restraint system. If you do not find an adequate solution, call us at 1-888-9RECARO for assistance.

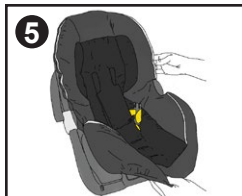
Problem: The headrest will not raise.

Solution: **WARNING! DO NOT FORCE the head restraint! Severe damage to the infant restraint could result!** The harness must be loosened before the Head Restraint can be moved upwards. Press the harness adjuster lever and pull the shoulder straps out to loosen then raise the head restraint.

Problem: The vehicle seat belt is not tight fitting to the child restraint.

Solution: Press downward on the child restraint and firmly pull the slack out of the seat belt. This will allow the child restraint to compress the vehicle's seat and allow the seat belt to be further tightened. If seat belt is not locking call 1-888-9RECARO for help. Refer to installation instructions, pages 24-36.

To Replace Trim Cover:



4. Slide buckle through the buckle pad and then slide the buckle pad through the trim cover slot.



5. Slide the plastic tabs on the side of the trim cover under the belt guides and secure to the seat frame.
6. Stretch the pad over the bottom of the seat and then over the top around the foam insert.
7. Pull the harness through the slots and reattach the velcro.
8. Replace the insert and head pillow if necessary.

Problem: The child restraint is not stable when driving.

Solution: Check to see if there are items under the base and that the seat belts are tightly secured. Remove anything found. Some vehicle seats are deeply contoured making it difficult to safely install a child restraint. If the child restraint is not stable due to the vehicle seat cushions, move it to another seating location.

If the situation still exists, please call 1-888-9RECARO (1-888-973-2276).

Problem: The child restraint harness does not stay tight.

Solution: Check to determine if anything is lodged in the adjuster. Remove any objects, food or toys that may have become lodged in the area.

Problem: Buckle sticks or will not latch.

Solution: Check inside the buckle slots for foreign objects. The buckle may be rinsed with cool water to remove spilled food and juice. **DO NOT** use lubricants.

Section 16: Replacement Parts and Accessories

RECARO offers a variety of replacement parts and accessories.

Replacement Parts: Please email info-usa@recaro-cs.com or call 1-888-9RECARO and speak to one of our customer service representatives for more information about replacement parts for your RECARO product.

Accessories: Please visit www.recaroaccessories.com or call a customer service representative at 1-888-9RECARO or info-usa@recaro-cs.com for more information about accessories for your RECARO product.

Section 17: Warranty

RECARO Child Safety, LLC warrants this product against defects in materials or workmanship to the original purchaser for a period of 12 months. You must have the original purchase receipt for a warranty claim to be accepted.

The upholstery fabric is subject to a certain degree of wear even from normal use. This kind of normal wear is not covered under warranty.

Exclusions: A product will not be considered “defective” and this warranty will not apply, where the claimed defect is attributable to:

- a) Improper installation, or misuse;
- b) Modification or alteration of the product;
- c) Failure to comply with RECARO’s instructions for service and maintenance;
- d) Accident, unauthorized repairs or unauthorized use;

- e) Any attachment or replacement part that was manufactured, supplied or added by others and was not part of the product;
- f) Exposure to corrosive materials, the elements (including, but not limited to, cold or freezing temperatures, excessive heat, fire, humidity, and sunlight), or other acts of God;
- g) Ordinary wear and tear (including fading and discoloration);
- h) Improper loads (including passenger weight in excess of design limits);
- i) Removal of the product from the original application or reinstallation of the product in the original or another application; or
- j) Any other neglect, abuse or misuse.

Section 18: Additional Contact Information

If you need help with installation or usage, please use the following contact information:

RECARO Child Safety, LLC
1600 Harmon Road
Auburn Hills, MI 48326
Phone: 1-888-9RECARO (1-888-973-2276)
E-mail: info-usa@recaro-cs.com
Website: www.recaro.com

For personal assistance in your local area, please contact a Child Passenger Safety (CPS) technician. You can find a CPS technician in your area at cert.safekids.org. Click on “Find a Technician.”

Many community groups, fire and police stations schedule car seat checks that you can visit with your child. More information about car seat check-ups is available at www.NHTSA.gov under “Child Safety Seat Inspections Station Locator” or at www.seatcheck.org. You can also call 1-866-SEAT-CHECK to find the next and closest seat check event.

Section 19: Glossary

Airbag: A passive (idle) restraint system that automatically deploys during a crash to act as a cushion for the occupant. It creates a broad surface on which to spread the forces of the crash, to reduce head and chest injury. It is considered “supplementary” to the lap/shoulder belts because it enhances the protection the belt system offers in frontal crashes. Also known as SRS - Supplemental Restraint System; SIR – Supplemental Inflatable Restraint; IC – Inflatable Curtain; SIAB – Side Impact AirBag.

Belt Routings: The manufacturer’s required place where the safety belt passes around or through the child restraint. Indicated in red on this child restraint.

Car Seat: Common term for a specially designed device that secures a child in a motor vehicle, meets federal safety standards and increases child safety in a crash. Also called safety seat.

Child Restraint System: Common term for a specially designed de-vice that secures a child in a motor vehicle, meets federal safety standards, and increases child safety in a crash. Also called a “Car Seat.”

Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 213: Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard that pertains to all restraint systems intended for use as crash protection in vehicles for children. Required for child restraints sold in the USA.

Head Restraint: Structure at the top of the backrest which is designed to keep the child's head in the proper position and provide protection for the child's head during a crash.

HERO Harness System: Ensures the highest level of protection and comfort by positioning the shoulder pads to appropriately fit the child's neck, head, and shoulders.

Lap Belt: A seat belt system with two contact points, (two hip points), also referred to as a 2-point seat belt.

Lap-Shoulder Belt: A seat belt with both a lap and a shoulder portion, having three contact points (one shoulder, two hips)

LATCH: Lower Anchors and Tethers for CHildren. Acronym for standardized vehicle anchorage system. Method to affix child restraint systems to vehicles independent of the vehicle seat belts.

Safety Stripe System: A white stripe on the outside edges of the 5-point harness. The white stripe should always remain at the outside edge of the harness above the lower buckle.

Side Impact Protection (SIP): Extra safety feature of RECARO child restraints having energy absorbing foam and structure design strategically placed in areas on the child restraint where it is especially important to protect the child in a crash.



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